

Border Eagle

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Together we 'XL'



Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin

Family week

In honor military family appreciation week, Nov. 21-27, the 47th Services Division is offering the following activities for family members Wednesday:

- Ten percent off any unfinished furniture kits and framed art, except unlimited editions, at the Frame Skills Development Center.
- Free bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cactus Lanes.
- Free rental clubs, and twilight golf fee will be \$15 at Leaning Pines Golf Course.
- Free car washes from noon until 4 p.m. at the Automotive Skills Development Center.
- Free swimming from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Friendship Pool.

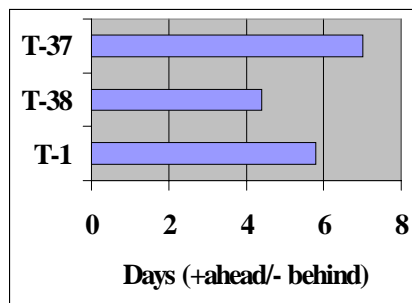
Promotion event

There will be an enlisted promotion ceremony Nov. 29 3:30 p.m. at Club Amistad.

Mission status

(As of Nov. 17)

Student Timeline



Sorties flown in FY 00:
9265

Hours flown in FY 00:
13,947.7

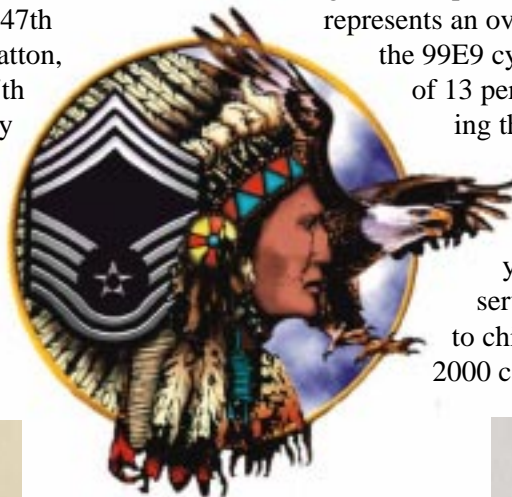
Pilot wings earned in FY 00:
51

Pilot wings earned since 1963:
11,400

'XL'erating to top of enlisted ranks

Three of Laughlin's finest will soon join the top 1 percent of the Air Force's enlisted ranks.

Senior Masters William E. Schoen, 47th Communication Squadron, David C. Bratton, 47th Support Group, and Earl Jones, 47th Security Forces Squadron were officially notified of their promotions to chief master sergeant early Wednesday by Col. Skip Scott, 47th Flying Training Wing commander. The three were the only senior master sergeants eligible for promotion, giving the base a 100 percent promotion rate to chief.



Schoen



Bratton



Jones

The Air Force selected 502 of 2,855 eligible senior master sergeants for promotion to chief master sergeant. This represents an overall 17.58 percent selection rate for the 99E9 cycle well above the TOPCAP minimum of 13 percent set for chief master sergeant during the draw down.

The average selectee score for this cycle was 657.81 points.

The average selectee has 3.56 years time in grade and 21.60 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to chief master sergeant throughout the 2000 calendar year.

CES to undertake housing improvement projects

By Capt Matt E. Greene
47 Civil Engineer Squadron

The 47th Civil Engineer Squadron is always striving to make Laughlin a better place to live and work.

In the coming months CES will start several community improvement projects in the family housing area. These projects include the installation of street lighting,

window replacement, patio refurbishment, street circle repairs and street pavement sealing.

Here is a brief summary of each project:

■ Light installation – In this first phase of a seven-phase program, a total of 18 street lights will be installed along Brown, Lawhon and Frazier Streets. De-

signed to enhance nighttime safety and security in the housing area, installation of the lights will begin in late-November and should be completely installed by the middle of December.

■ Window replacement – Single-pane, energy-draining windows in over 100 units located on Arnold Boulevard

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Preparing for the new millenium – applying things we've learned



By Col. Joan Griffith

47th Medical Group, commander

The German poet, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, once stated that "Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do." During the past eighteen years, I have had an opportunity to see many individuals (officers and enlisted) accomplish several tasks, both great and small, simply because they were willing to do what needed to be done, even if it was not in their job description. A common characteristic of the men and women who achieved some of the most meaningful accomplishments was their ability to recognize a need, muster the necessary energy/people and get the job done with little regard to who received the credit.

One of the most insightful books I enjoyed reading was General Powell's book, *My American Journey*. Throughout the book, he shared many valuable lessons he had learned throughout his life; transforming lessons that helped him find his niche in life

and emerge as one of the most influential and respected leaders of the 20th Century. In the closing paragraph of his book he stated: "Jefferson once wrote, 'There is a debt of service due from every man to his country, proportioned to the bounties which nature and fortune have measured to him.' As one who has received so much from his country, I feel that debt heavily, and I can never be entirely free of it. My responsibility, our responsibility as lucky Americans, is to try to give back to this country as much as it has given to us, as we continue our American journey together."

In life there can be no greater challenge than to serve others, especially when confronted with so many forces that make it easier to say "Let someone else do it." We are rapidly approaching the 21st Century. The journey ahead of us will be filled with challenges, some new and others simply variations of past challenges. This is especially true for the men and women in the military. Whether we serve as leaders or followers, our country and local communities will look to us for the answers to difficult questions or problems.

By observing the lives and actions of previous successful leaders we would find that their approach to past challenges embraced the rules that General Powell suggested in his book:

1. It ain't as bad as you think. It

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A View from the Top



Officers' and enlisted clubs – an airman's professional privilege

By Gen. Lloyd W. Newton

Air Education and Training Command commander

Recently, we all got the chance to participate in the Chief of Staff survey regarding our quality-of-life in the Air Force. I hope you made your views known because it's important for Air Force senior leaders to understand your concerns. It's a first step to taking action to improve our Air Force as an effective military force as well as a great organization in which to live and serve.

While we always look to improve our quality-of-life, I believe it's appropriate to say that in many, many ways our military services go well beyond what most corporations provides to their employees. One special benefit has a long history in the profession of arms – our service clubs.

Club membership is a professional privilege that we should use regularly and not take for granted. If we don't support clubs with our membership and participation, we are in danger of

losing them.

Historically, Air Force clubs served largely as dining facilities. They have evolved into community gathering places that foster unit cohesion and camaraderie. As bases were built away from major communities, our clubs were the hub of base social life for both enlisted and officer corps. As civilian communities grew

up around our bases and transportation became easier and faster, the clubs faced more competition from civilian restaurants and entertainment establishments. While it is everyone's privilege to patronize businesses of their own choice, we need to pay attention to our own clubs for several very important reasons.

Our clubs are keenly aware of the special nature of our military official and social needs — promotions, dining-ins, retirements, prayer breakfasts, spouses' club meetings and so on. And, they are aware of their special membership – not only active duty, but also retirees and our civilian

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Actionline

Call 298-5351

when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

Winfield W. Scott III

Col. Winfield W. Scott III
47th Flying Training Wing commander



AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
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Civilian Personnel	298-5299
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Legal	298-5172
Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810
Equal Opportunity	298-5400
FWA hotline	298-4170

Call: I work in the 47th Operation Squadron Squadron as a tower controller. I was wondering if we could reinstitute the goal day program. All three flying squadrons are ahead of their time line and the controllers are

down to 60 percent manning. I'm sure everyone would appreciate an extra day off for all their hard work. Thank you.

Response: Thank you for your inquiry. Unfortunately, the

goal day program was terminated by the major command and is no longer in existence. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Laughlin for the hard work put in over the last year to overcome such adver-

sity. The leadership at Laughlin appreciates this effort and has worked hard to reward the members of the base community with several partial days and the down-day which kicked off the Labor Day 4-day weekend.

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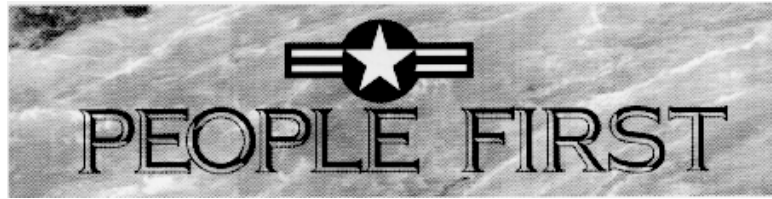
***"Excellence –
not our goal, but
our standard."***
– 47 FTW motto

Safety Stats

As of Oct. 26
(Fiscal Year)

	'00	Total '99
On-duty mishaps	0	5
Off-duty mishaps	1	12
Traffic mishaps	0	2
Sports & Rec mishaps	1	6
Fatalities	0	0

Base legal office offers help, services to members, families



Air Force bases are more than acres of land dedicated to a military mission. They are communities of Air Force people and families, all with a host of personal needs. One source for finding help for personal legal needs is at the base legal office.

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, better known as the base legal office, provides attorneys and paralegals to advise service members and their families on personal and civil legal matters as well as related assistance to enhance command readiness and effectiveness.

Legal services are provided to active-duty members, including Reservists and Guard members in active service; to civilian employees stationed overseas; and to

their respective dependents. Services include wills, powers of attorney, notary service, advice on Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, landlord-tenant issues, and tax assistance. Attorneys also provide help on involuntary allotment issues and other mission-related problems.

The base legal office may be able to help retirees and others as resources and expertise permit. Pamphlets and brochures on a variety of legal topics are available and many base legal offices provide on-line information and assistance.

Another significant benefit available at legal offices worldwide is the personnel claims program. This program reimburses eligible claimants for loss or personal property damage caused by military service or if one's personal property was

damaged on a military base.

"The best example is damage or loss to one's household goods moved as a result of a permanent change of station," an Air Force official said.

"When you report your damage or loss to the claims section of the base legal office, a paralegal or claims officer will help ensure you get reimbursed.

They will instruct you on the claims process, get you the necessary forms, help you get estimates, and guide you through the paperwork to facilitate your claim."

When natural calamities like floods or hurricanes strike an Air Force base, the claims team from the base legal office will be among the first to respond, so that Air Force members and their families can get the financial resources necessary to recover from damage or loss.

There is a lot of information available from the base legal office. Take advantage of a program that puts "People First."

Courtesy (AFPN)

Military Family Appreciation Week salutes families

Military Family Appreciation Week is celebrated during the Thanksgiving holiday week. Nov. 22 is Military Family Appreciation Day.

During this time military leaders share in expressing appreciation of the dedication and sacrifices that are made everyday by servicemembers to this country.

In the normal everyday life of hectic activities, many may overlook those that are making special contributions to the community by serving in the military. To amend this oversight, this Family Appreciation Week gives the opportunity to salute military families for their service to our community and our country. In addition, the single servicemembers may also be recognized.

Military families and

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Air Force observes America Recycles Day

"For our children's future, 'buy recycled'," was the theme for the second annual America Recycles Day Monday.

"Eighty people attended a fair held at the Fiesta Center to support the occasion," said Jodi Bird, 47th Civil Engineer Environmental Squadron volunteer. "It went really well."

Organizations and people who buy supplies directly or through contracts, as well as "users" of supplies (such as civil engineers), "are in great positions to help the Air Force close this loop through their day-to-day activities," said Teresa Pohlman, chief of the Air Force Environmental Division.

Pohlman said supply, contracting, public affairs and civil engineers or environmental management folks can work to set up displays or hold special events.

Recycling saves natural resources through conservation of land and minerals, energy, clean air and water, according to Pamela Kelly Phillips of the National Guard Bureau. "From a production perspective, recycling saves landfill space and money. It's the least expensive waste management method for cities and towns, and

it creates jobs."

She added that recycling is "cost-effective, good for our environment and necessary for sustainable development. Buying recycled projects is essential to closing the recycling loop. Buying recycled content products maintains market demand for recyclables and ensures both the vitality and viability of the overall recycling program."

As an added incentive for everyone, the Remanufactured Industries Council International is holding a national contest with a special prize: the American Green Dream House, a three-bedroom home built primarily with recycled-content material and valued at more than \$200,000.

Contest entry forms can be obtained by visiting the America Recycles Day web site at <http://www.americarecyclesday.org>.

The winner will be chosen Dec. 15 from a random drawing of entries submitted by



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Sarah Orie shows off a paper bag she decorated to display on one of the five demonstration booths set up at the Fiesta Center in observance of America Recycles Day. Over 80 people attended the event.

people who voluntarily pledge to recycle.

Courtesy (AFPN)

Anthrax vaccination reassurance continues as DoD plans more medical countermeasures

By Douglas J. Gillert
American Forces Press Service

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Mandatory anthrax vaccinations are just the beginning of medical countermeasures DoD has planned to protect deployed service members, a senior health official said here Nov. 2.

“The anthrax vaccination is the first in a long series of force protection measures to come,” Mary Gerwin, deputy assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, told Tricare communications, customer service and education representatives attending a conference. While she didn’t elaborate on future measures, the Pentagon sponsors a number of research projects, including one looking at smallpox as a potential threat to troop health.

Noting that at least 10 nations currently have the ability to use anthrax as a weapon, Gerwin said, “The anthrax threat is real. A high priority of the department is to make sure we

have effective countermeasures in place.”

Gerwin rejected concerns of some that the shots are unsafe.

“We have a safe and effective vaccine that we have administered to more than one million,” she said. “The adverse reaction rate is lower than for common childhood vaccinations.”

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen announced the total force vaccination plans in December 1997. Vaccinations were accelerated in March 1998 for troops assigned or deploying to

Southwest Asia and, subsequently, to Korea. After a three-year study, Cohen concluded that the vaccination is the safest way to protect highly mobile U.S. military forces against a potential threat that is 99 per-

cent lethal to unprotected individuals.

The immunization program consists of a series of six inoculations per service member over an 18-month period, followed by an annual booster. Although

protection levels increase as shots in the series are given, the entire six-shot series is

required for full protection, as determined by the FDA. The cost to immunize an estimated 2.4 million military people is approximately \$130 million.

“A small number are refusing to take the shots, largely because of misinformation on the Internet,” Gerwin said. Most of the resistance to the shots has come from Guard and Reserve members, although some active duty members also have resisted

Cohen’s order.

Service members who refuse the shots first go through education and counseling to ensure they know all the facts and are making an informed decision. If they still refuse, the commander can then impose nonjudicial punishment, separation from the service or court-martial.

Responding to concerns of some service members and their families, the Army’s Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program office established a committee to look closer at the vaccine. The office comes under the Army surgeon general, executive agent for the DoD anthrax immunization program. The group will define research needs and set up studies to answer questions raised about the vaccine.

More information about the DoD anthrax immunization program is available on the Internet at <http://www.anthrax.osd.mil>

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Time to put training to use for Class 00-02

Student Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 00-02 graduates at 10 a.m. today in a ceremony at the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the entire spectrum of Air force aircraft and flying missions.

Training begins with three weeks of physiological and academic training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine subsonic T-37 Tweet. In the T-37 students learn flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing, aerobatics and formation flying.

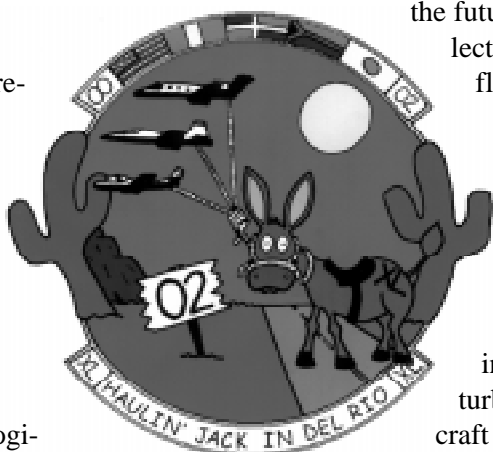
Primary training consists of 254.4

hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-flight training in a specialized area or track. The tracks include tanker, bomber and cargo pilot training in the T-1 aircraft, fighter pilot training in the T-38, turbo propeller aircraft training in the Navy's T-44, and helicopter training in the Army's UH-1.

Advanced training takes about 26 weeks and involves 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

Graduates of SUPT Class 00-02 have been assigned to various aircraft at duty stations throughout the world.



1st Lt. Matthew M. Simmons
Class Leader
F - 15 -- Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Jason C. McNutt
Assistant Class Leader
B-52 -- Barksdale AFB, La.



Capt. Jose Arroyo Montejo
AN-32 -- Mexico



1st Lt. Alejandro Beaven Magana
AN-32 -- Mexico



2nd Lt. Andrew J. Branco
KC-135 -- Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Brett M. Comer
F-16 -- Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. June A. Cruse
KC-10 -- Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. William E. Daniels, Jr.
C-130 -- Savannah, Ga. (ANG)



2nd Lt. Carl J. Dieckmann
T-38 -- Laughlin AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Chad M. Erickson
KC-135 -- RAF Mildenhall, U.K.



2nd Lt. Daniel R. Fehl
C-17 -- Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Mark T. Guillory
C-9 -- Yokota AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Ryan M. Itoman
F-15 -- Hickam AFB, Hawaii



2nd Lt. Brandon R. Johnson
F-15E -- Seymour Johnson AFB,
N.C.



2nd Lt. Daniel P.M. Lee
F-15 -- Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. John W. Lucas
KC-135 -- McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Trent M. Magyar
C-5 -- Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Phillip L. Mallory III
F-15 -- Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Todd C. Markwart
C-17 -- McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Eric J. Mars
KC-135 -- Hickam AFB, Hawaii
(ANG)



2nd Lt. Derek M. Salmi
KC-135 -- Robins AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. Norman B. Shaw, Jr.
C-141 -- Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
(AFRC)



2nd Lt. Kristof K. Sills
F-15 -- Hickam AFB, Hawaii (ANG)



2nd Lt. Howard H. White
B-52 -- Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. James R. Woosley III
HC-130 -- Moody AFB, Ga.

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wage war? As pilots and supporters, we must think beyond the cockpit and beyond our support systems into the cockpit. Yes, it’s imperative we learn to fly specific aircraft and operate/maintain our support systems, but we must also totally grasp how cyberspace systems capture, manipulate and present information to the warfighter. We need to understand how current systems are connected and operate, and must have the vision to generate more innovative solutions.

For us to be successful, we all need to understand our current capabilities: how intelligence and reconnaissance platforms capture and interpret data; how satellites, global positioning systems, unmanned aerial vehicles serve as our eyes behind enemy lines; how target sets and air tasking orders are built, disseminated and acted upon; and how the air operations center and all other components are linked into the war machine. We must also understand where future technological advancements are headed and should be aware of what is on the drawing board for the next generation of weapon and electronic support systems, what is currently under research and development, and what is the civilian sector developing for non-military purposes which we could adapt to the military arena.

In closing, I want to reiterate that all of us need to “think outside the box,” understand war planning, and comprehend how technology through cyberspace can and will impact our ability to wage war. Pick up literature and read, discuss tactics and pull real-world experience from others, take advantage of professional military education opportunities, and seriously prepare yourselves to contribute to the success of the Air Force. Lead our team, grasp cyberspace and prepare for hyperwar!

‘LCSAM,’ page 1

To ensure premier maintenance as many experienced LCSAM employees reached retirement, the unit worked with the local school district to expand the range of vocational education mentorship. More classes in engine repair, electronics, pneudraulics and metal-working were added to the school curriculum for 1998-

1999. The expansion helped both civil service and contract employers support Laughlin mission commitments by providing a local recruiting pipeline for ready hiring and minimal orientation time. All 1999 alumni received job offers from LCSAM and the engine regional repair center.

All of these quality indicators highlighted a year where

units assigned to the 47FTW benefited from maintenance initiative. Goal days and family days enjoyed by military and civilian employees happened because LCSAM was willing to deliver first-rate mission support. Major public events like the base open house, military ball, change of command ceremonies, and charitable golf tournaments to aid Mexican or-

phanages and the American Red Cross would not have been possible in 1999 without the professionalism, dedication and personal initiative of the Laughlin’s largest civil service unit.

The many accomplishments of LCSAM were summed up best by the General Lloyd Newton, AETC commander - “A job well done!”

The *XLer*

Hometown: Apple Valley, Calif.

Family: Parents, Byron and Linda; brothers, Rennie, 19, Katron, 9, Keauyon, 7, Travieon, 5.

Time at Laughlin: 5 months, 7 days.

Time in service.: One year, Nov. 17.

Why did you join the Air Force family? When I get older I want to tell my kids exciting stories about exciting places.

Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: What's up with the dry cleaners?

Greatest accomplishment: Ask me again after I win my first Grammy.

Long-term goals: The "KWAN" (God, love, family, respect). The whole enchilada.

Hobbies: Volleyball, writing and CD hunting.

Favorite food: A hot pastrami sandwich with mustard.

Favorite beverage: Hi-C fruit punch.

Bad habit: I am the guy in the movie theater who talks to the characters on the screen like they can hear me.

Motto: No matter what, ya' gotta strut!

If you could spend one hour with an historical figure, who would it be? Adam. I would ask what he was thinking?



Photo by Zenaphir Bond

Airman 1st Class

Kenny King

47th Communications Squadron

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

-**Daily Mass** 12:05 p.m.

-**Saturday Mass** 5 p.m.

-**Sunday Mass** 9:30 a.m.

-**Confession** 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, or by appointment.

-**Choir** 6 p.m. Thursdays.

-**Sunday school** 11 a.m.,
religious education building.

fellowship hall.

-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.,
religious education building.

-Awana, Wednesdays from 6 -
7:30 p.m.

(For more information on
AWANA, call Anthony or Nedjra
Russell at 298-7504).

Jewish

– Max Stool

219 West Strickland St.

Del Rio, Texas

Phone: 775-4519

Protestant

-General worship 11 a.m.

-Bible study video luncheon

11 a.m. Thursday, chapel

For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.



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Question of the week

What do you have to be thankful
for this Thanksgiving?



“I am eternally thankful and humbled by the many blessings I have received through God’s grace and continue everyday to fortify my belief in Him and the love He has for each and every one of us.”

Staff Sgt. Mark Floyd
47th Contracting Squadron



“Two beautiful, healthy children.”

Susie Weber
47th Communications Squadron



“I’m thankful for all the many blessings the Lord has put into my life – for my husband and family, for our health, for the free country we live in and for all the wonderful people here at Laughlin and Del Rio.”

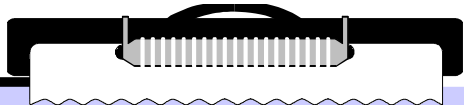
Kathy Scott
Spouse



“My husband, all of our friends, family and especially the new baby. ”

Kelly Demers
Border Federal Credit Union

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From the Blotter

(47th Security Forces Squadron)



Nov. 7 – A security forces patrol was bitten while capturing a cat in the housing area. The cat was quarantined because its rabies vaccination had expired. The owner was cited for failure to control a pet.

Nov. 10 – A security forces member at the law enforcement desk received a call that a civilian was possibly having a heart attack at the bowling alley. The individual was taken to Val Verde Medical Center for treatment and evaluation.

Nov. 10 – Security forces and ambulance services responded to the flight line after receiving a call reporting that a contractor had fallen off a ladder. The individual was treated at VVMC and released.

Nov. 12 – Someone called the law enforcement desk and hung up. A phone trace revealed an address in base housing. An investigation revealed a child had called 911.

Nov. 14 – Security forces patrols at the

main gate detained an individual for trespassing on the installation. It was determined that the individual was a citizen of Mexico. U.S. Border Patrol took custody of the person.

Notes: All persons (active duty, civilian, contractor) are required to register their vehicles on Laughlin within 10 days of arriving on station or starting work on the base.

If you purchase a new or used car and would like to have it searched for narcotics, the security forces military working dog section offers this service free of charge to all Laughlin residents and employees. To qualify, you must have purchased the vehicle within 10 days, show proof or purchase and have current insurance. Contact the operations section at 5245 or 5248 to set up an appointment.

EMERGENCY CALL 911, NON-EMERGENCY CALL 5100

Where are they now?

Name: Maj.David J. Eastman.

Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin: Class 85-02, December, 1984.

Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: F-15C, Eglin AFB.

What do you like most about your current aircraft? The mission.

What do you dislike most about your current aircraft? The lack of funding to keep it updated.

Mission of your aircraft?

Air superiority.

What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly? Stay away from “Boy’s Town”.

What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? “Boy’s Town”.

What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Play hard, sudy harder, and have fun! Give it your all, it’s only one short year. Flying fighters is the greatest job in the world!



‘Projects,’ from page 1

and Knight, Arantz, McConnell, Frazier, Lawhon and Brown streets will be replaced with double-pane, energy efficient windows. The windows will be similar to those already installed as part of phases three, four and five of the recently completed housing renovation projects. Subsequent phases will complete the job for all base housing units. Each window removed will be replaced in the same day. Work is scheduled to begin in late-November and continue through June 2000.

■ **Patio replacement –** Twenty-eight units on Frazier, Lawhon and Brown Streets will have back yard patios replaced. These patios were identified as being the worst during the housing renovation process. This work will take place from late-November through March.

■ **Street circle repair –** The seven curbed islands on McConnell, Frazier, Lawhon, Brown, Edwards, McKee and Pushkar streets will be modified to allow the access by larger vehicles and will include the installation of handicap ramps on the sidewalks. The project is scheduled from mid-December through the end of May.

■ **Street slurry seal (another “excess funds” bonus project) –** Thirteen streets in both housing areas are scheduled for sealing to provide a safer driving surface and to extend the life of the pavements. This work is weather-dependent but is tenta-

tively scheduled to begin in the spring of 2000. The newly repaired streets will be ready for traffic on the same afternoon. As the time for this project approaches, we will publish additional information and a map showing exactly which streets will be worked and when.

Occupants, especially those with small children, should be aware of the increased activity in the housing area and the potential safety hazards associated with the above-mentioned work. All work will be performed Monday-Friday during the normal duty hours, 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Specific instructions will be issued to occupants prior to work being accomplished on their house, and resident cooperation is appreciated.

Please contact Ben De LaCruz at 5253 with any questions regarding these projects.

‘Griffith,’ from page 2

- will look better in the morning.
2. Get mad, then get over it.
 3. Avoid having your ego so close to your position that when your position falls, your ego goes with it.
 4. It can be done!
 5. Be careful what you choose. You may get it.
 6. Don’t let adverse facts stand in the way of a good decision.

7. You can’t make someone else’s choices. You shouldn’t let someone else make yours.
8. Check small things.
9. Share credit.
10. Remain calm. Be kind.
11. Have a vision. Be demanding.
12. Don’t take counsel of your fears or naysayers.
13. Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier.

These rules provide a framework upon which we can grow and gain the confidence that we will need to successfully accomplish our mission(s) in the new millennium. In order to achieve maximum benefit from these rules it is important that we learn them and fully understand the deeper meaning of each rule and then willingly apply them to the issue(s) at hand. By doing this we will be able to “continue our American journey together” and fulfill our responsibilities with dignity and honor.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Christopher Harris

Defending our environment

2nd Lt. Brian Nazarian, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron, picks up debris along the stretch of road leading into the back gate here Nov. 9. He was joined by other members of the Company Grade Officer Council, which adopted the area.

47th Medical Group

The holiday season is approaching, and you may be considering visiting friends and family back home. Most people don't include medical emergencies or illnesses in their travel plans, but it is helpful to know that, in the event these situations arise, Tricare will be there to help.

Whether you are in the U.S. or a foreign country, Tricare covers your emergency medical care for life-threatening situations. As a Tricare eligible beneficiary, you can seek care at the nearest hospital emergency room. If you are a Tricare Prime member and you access emergency care and are hospitalized, you or a family member must contact a Region six Health Care Finder at 800-406-2832, Option four, for assistance.

When traveling outside the region and needing medical care for an urgent condition that is not life threatening, one must contact the Primary Care Manager via ambulance service at 830-298-6333, to receive direction for treatment options. Without prior authorization for urgent care, one will be billed under Point-of-Service, and will be subject to a higher cost-share and deductible.

For beneficiaries enrolled in Tricare Standard cost-shares and deductibles will apply. For more detailed information on how to access emergency and urgent care while traveling contact the Tricare Service Center by calling 800-406-2832, Option four then 06 or the TRICARE Flight at 732-6303/6301.

—Reminder: People who need to schedule an appointment through central appointments should use these numbers:

- base housing and base residents – 298-3578.
- base duty personnel – 6-5663

How to avoid Thanksgiving disasters

By Staff Sgt. Jenny Ruiz
Health and Wellness Center

Thanksgiving is next week, and whether one is cooking the first Thanksgiving dinner, or is a pro at preparing a meal, disasters can happen.

Here are some ideas to use if an emergency should arise.

The most important things to remember about cooking Thanksgiving dinner are:

To prevent a disaster, try to remember some of these basic tips for the perfect turkey:

■ Figure what time the turkey will be done by counting backwards from the time it will be served, figuring 20 minutes per pound (at 350 degrees Fahrenheit) plus 30 minutes for the turkey to sit before carving.

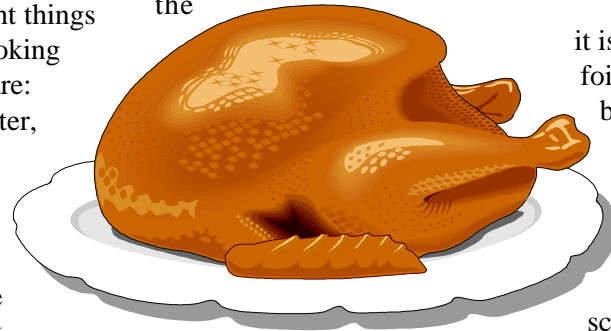
■ The turkey is done when the temperature of the breast meat is between 170–175 degrees Fahrenheit, the thigh is 180–185 degrees Fahrenheit and, if the bird is stuffed, the stuffing reads 160–165 degrees

Fahrenheit.

■ For a very juicy turkey, let it sit for at least 20 minutes before carving.

After a disaster has occurred, here are some suggestions that may help you through it.

■ If one forgets to turn on the



oven, the easiest solution is to cut the uncooked turkey into pieces. Slice it into natural segments—legs, thighs, wings, and breast meat, then cook in a 450–500 degrees oven for approximately 30–40 minutes. When the juices start to run clear it is just about done.

■ If one forgets to remove the giblets, they can still chop them up and put them in the gravy. Turkey packagers must know leaving in the giblet bag is a common mistake, because most continue to use a small paper bag, not plastic.

■ If the turkey is done but the skin is missing that tantalizing golden-brown color, try brushing or rubbing on some maple syrup or thinned molasses. Return it to the oven for three or four minutes and it will caramelize to a beautiful golden brown.

■ If the turkey is brown but it isn't done, try covering it with foil, reducing the temperature by 100 degrees and roasting until a needle inserted in the joint releases clear juices and it's done.

■ If one wants to avoid the whole cooking scene, they can always get a precooked traditional turkey dinner. However, please remember that most stores are closed Thanksgiving.

Here are a few items you may want to remember:

■ Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes or yams.

■ Green bean casserole, dinner rolls, turkey gravy and cranberry sauce are traditional additions.

■ Pies and beverages are also a must.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jenny Ruiz at 6484. Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

“First Americans” heritage observed

By Gen. Lloyd W. “Fig” Newton
Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Since American Indians and Alaska Natives are truly the first Americans, it is important that we reflect on their unique cultures and the contributions they have made to our nation’s success. For that reason, we observe National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage month in November.

The “first Americans” have remarkably diverse heritages that link them to the very essence of this great land of ours. The remaining tribes of today represent only a small portion of the many tribal nations that previously existed. Before the arrival of Columbus, Indian nations covered the entire North American continent, extending through Central and South America. They had well-established borders between them that predated the Roman Empire.

Today, there are more than 550 federally recognized tribes in the United States, including 223 village groups in Alaska, and some 250 tribal languages are still spoken.

Alaska Natives and American Indians have repeatedly made important

contributions to the nation at every level. For example, Charles Curtis, a Kaw Indian from Kansas, served as Vice President of the United States under President Herbert Hoover. During World War II American Indians accounted for 71 Air Medals, 51 Silver Stars, 34 Distinguished Flying Crosses, and two Medals of Honor. During the Vietnam War, 41,500 American Indians served in our military forces. Approximately 3,000 served in the Persian Gulf with three among those killed in action. One out of every four American Indian males is a military veteran and 45 to 47 percent of tribal leaders today are military veterans.

Within the AETC community, we are privileged to serve with Alaska Natives and American Indians who contribute their talents in every aspect to our Expeditionary Aerospace Force. Diversity is a strength when the talents of each of us are recognized and harnessed, and our differences celebrated.

During November, I ask that each of you take the time to reflect and learn about the contributions American Indians and Alaska Natives have made to enhance the freedom and prosperity of our nation. You’ll be glad you did.

(Courtesy AETCNS)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Turkey time

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Herndon, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, takes a shot at a stationary paper target at the Great American Turkey Shoot held at the base firing range on Veterans Day. He bagged 3 turkeys in three different events. A total of 23 turkeys were given away to event winners.

Strategic Command brings nations together

By Navy Journalist 1st Class Michael J. Meridith

United States Strategic Command Public Affairs

The newly established Office of Engagement in U.S. Strategic Command helps to build "trust and confidence" between the U.S. and other nations, according to Col. Leo Florick, the office's new chief.

"We're responsible for developing a broad program of contacts through which the command will interact with the mili-

taries of foreign nations," explained Florick. "The primary emphasis will be on the militaries of nations with nuclear weapons.

"We want to increase understanding between our respective militaries, so there's a more cooperative and less threatening environment, he continued."

The Office of Engagement will build upon the military-to-military contact program established in conjunction with the 1992 Nunn-Lugar Cooperative

Threat Reduction agreement.

A key aim of Nunn-Lugar was to promote confidence between the strategic forces of the U.S. and Russia. Florick said that the Office of Engagement is hoping to expand beyond that original mission.

"Our yardstick of success will be to broaden the program to include countries like China, to deepen the program beyond senior officers, and to create a program that will endure over time and effect positive changes."

Florick said one of the first challenges is to re-energize the program with Russia. He said that Russian displeasure over the NATO operation in Kosovo, among other issues, nearly brought a halt to military contacts between the U.S. and Russia.

Though he cautioned it would "take time" to re-establish the good relationship, he is optimistic it will be done.

"We're going to build on our previous engagement initiatives and create forums where representatives of different militaries can get together, sit down, and discuss issues of common concern," he said.

Courtesy (AFPN)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

Honoring veterans

The Laughlin and San Felipe Del Rio Honor Guards display the colors during the Veterans Day ceremony at the Del Rio Civic Center Nov. 11. Many citizens of the base and community attended the ceremony.

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employees — that looks to them for entertainment and dining.

Part of the funds generated by clubs go to improve the quality-of-life for airmen and their families by helping to finance Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. For example, since 1993, Air Force clubs contributed \$81.3 million for construction of youth centers, athletic fields and hobby shops. This is

an amazing feat considering our clubs have been self-supporting since 1989.

To keep providing these services we take for granted, clubs need our continued patronage. They offer great opportunities to socialize after-work, take dance lessons, host private parties or enjoy Sunday brunches. There is something available for most everyone.

Air Force clubs continue to

support our service traditions and improve the quality-of-life we enjoy. It’s a professional privilege I hope you will all exercise. See you at the club.

‘Family,’ from page 3
single members, who live in this community - on base or off - are away from their hometowns, family and friends.

At times, military members are given very little time to pack

up and move, leaving family, friends, and sometimes the freedom and security of their country behind. Everyone should appreciate the contributions made by servicemembers and their families.

How can a person show appreciation? Have you thought about “adopting” a single member or family to join your family at home for Thanksgiving dinner? And why stop at Thanks-

giving week? Christmas is just around the corner. Better yet, what is wrong with keeping the door open throughout the year? Call your unit commander or first sergeant to participate in adopting a military member, or family into your home during the holidays.

**The Company
Grade Officer
Council will have
a can drive
Saturday from
noon until 4 p.m.
The food will be
given to the
Bethel Center of
Val Verde Inc. in
Del Rio.**

Bullrider divides time between Air Force, rodeo

By Capt. John N. Bryan
AETC public affairs

Straddled above 2,000 pounds of horns, hooves and rage with only the ground to cushion his fall, 1st Lt. Steve Slade strives to hold on for eight seconds.

Slade, a member of the 321st Operations Support Squadron, wrestles with this dilemma every weekend — for fun! He’s an amateur bullrider.

This Idaho-native began bullriding New Year’s Day 1992, at age 24 during an open bullride.

“I paid \$100 to ride my first bull and ever since I’ve been hooked,” said Slade.

Slade’s interest began far before 1992, though. His friends competed at rodeos in high school and encouraged him to go, he said.

Since he began, he has been to several rodeo schools and rides summer weekends.

During the winter, Slade goes to a rodeo school, watches videos, practices on a static barrel and works on a balance beam.

Slade is ranked sixth in his bullriding association, the Rough Rider Rodeo Association. This amateur association covers all of North Dakota and is made up of 377 bullriders.

“For me, bullriding is a release,” said Slade. “It’s my way to get out and enjoy the outdoors. It also makes me forget about the pressures of work for at least eight seconds.”

Although generally considered a high-risk activity, bullriding demands careful planning to handle any hazard the sport may bring in the future.

Preparation for the sport takes hours at the base fitness center, said Slade.

Top physical shape in this sport could make a world of difference in the injuries incurred.

Throughout his career, Slade has sustained a broken arm and been kicked in the head by a bull named Kyle’s Pet, which isn’t bad, according to Slade. “I’ve been pretty lucky not to be seriously injured. I’m not afraid of being hurt, but I try not to think about it,” he said.

Even though physical shape is important in bullriding, 98 percent of the sport is mental, explained Slade. “If you go in with the attitude that you can ride a bull, you can do it.”

When Slade is in the arena, there’s only one thought that goes through his head, he said. Keeping his mind in the middle and a leg on each side is all he thinks about.

Throughout his career, Slade has seen his share of good and bad times with the bulls.

“My best experience in the rodeo was when I lasted 7.9 seconds on my first bull,” he said. “The worst was being run over and trampled by a bull named Meat Wagon.”

Nonetheless, Slade continues to compete. Most rodeos take place near Minot, N.D.; however, he has traveled as much as six hours one way for his chance at an ever-exciting eight-second ride.

Prize money in the sport isn’t large, and Slade says he spends more money than he makes at the competitions.

The first-place prize in most amateur rodeos is less than \$400, and Slade has yet to place first.

“I ride bulls for the adrenaline rush, the friendships I’ve made, and the sport itself,” said Slade. “For the eight-second ride, it’s just you and the animal.”

Courtesy (AFPN)



Photo by Zenaphir Bond

Pulling ahead!

Capt. Matt Greene (left), and Staff Sgt. Dave Isbell (right), represent the 47th Civil Engineer Squadron in a game of tug-of-war at the Warrior Day competition Nov. 12. Warrior day is a collection of various sporting events, which give base members the opportunity to participate in friendly competition.

New players’ picks for NFL week 11

Each correct pick of weekly matchups earns a player one point, accumulating weekly. The top three players from the second half of the season will compete against the top three from the first half to determine the overall champion at the end of the playoffs. This weeks matchups are (home teams in bold): ATL – T.B., BAL – CIN, BUF – NYJ, CAR – CLE, CHI – S.D., DAL – ARI, DET – G.B., IND – PHI, N.E. – MIA, NYG – WAS, PIT – TEN, STL – S.F., SEA – K.C., N.O.– JAX, OAK – DEN.

<u>Anthony Abridello</u>	<u>Mike McNeil</u>	<u>Johnny Rincon</u>	<u>Dave LeRoy</u>	<u>Charlie Rodriquez</u>	<u>Ryan Anderson</u>	<u>Amanda Stewart</u>	<u>Danny Gutierrez</u>
T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	ATL	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.
BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL
BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF
CAR	CAR	CAR	CAR	CAR	CAR	CLE	CAR
CHI	S.D.	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	S.D.	CHI
DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	ARI	DAL
DET	G.B.	G.B.	G.B.	DET	G.B.	G.B.	DET
IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	PHI
MIA	N.E.	MIA	MIA	MIA	N.E.	MIA	N.E.
NYG	WAS	WAS	NYG	WAS	WAS	NYG	NYG
TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	PIT
S.F.	STL	S.F.	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL
K.C.	SEA	SEA	K.C.	SEA	SEA	K.C.	SEA
JAX	JAX	JAX	JAX	JAX	JAX	JAX	JAX
OAK	DEN	DEN	DEN	OAK	OAK	DEN	DEN

Week 10 results

Johnny Rincon – 20
(week 10 winner, 10 pts.)

Mike McNeil – 16

Amanda Stewart – 16

Ryan Anderson – 16

Danny Gutierrez – 15

Charlie Rodriguez – 15

Anthony Abridello – 14

David Leroy – 14



Chiefs defeat Eagles to end three-year losing streak

By Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit
Staff writer

The Chiefs defeated the Eagles in the annual Eagles versus Chiefs one-pitch softball game at Liberty Field Nov. 11.

After three consecutive losses, the Chiefs achieved an impressive victory with a final score of 13-7.

Chief Master Sgt. Stephani Fortin started the game with a leadoff single.

Another single put runners at first and second. Then, Master Sgt. Daniel Cook stepped up and nailed a shot to deep right-center resulting in a three-run homerun. That ended the first inning scoring.

The Eagles first batter flew out. Then, Lt. Col. Scott Wiebe hit a hard shot toward third, but Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Fortin snagged it and fired it to first in just enough time to get a second out. With a slow start and one man on base, Col. Skip Scott hit a deep drive to center for a double that advanced a runner to third. Maj. Mark Koch then drove in two runs with a hard hit over second base. The Eagles narrowed the Chiefs lead by closing out the inning with two runs on the board.

The top of the second proved uneventful for the Chiefs and the inning ended quickly with three up, three down.

The Eagles took advantage of the

Chiefs scoreless inning and, in the bottom of the second Maj. Bobby Suell crushed the ball toward left field resulting in a two-run homerun and advancing the Eagles ahead, 4-3.

The third and fourth innings were scoreless for the Chiefs and the Eagles.

Then, with two on base, Kenneth Fortin belted one over the third baseman's head to drive in two runs. Two more runs were scored in the inning to give the Chiefs an 8-4 lead.

In the bottom of the fifth, Col. David Bertholf managed a single with a shot to the middle, which put runners at first and second. Then, with a hit down the third baseline, Bertholf and another runner were driven in to narrow the lead to 8-6. Scott followed by blasting a second shot to center to drive in Lt. Col. Allen Poerner and bring the score to 8-7. A fly out ended the inning.

With the Eagles closing in, Command Chief Master Sgt. Randy Crist drove in a run with a shot down the first base line to up the score to 9-7 at the top of the sixth inning. A ball hit toward short brought in Crist. Cook then drove in another run with a crushing shot toward first, which resulted in a double. Another double followed and two more runs scored to make it 12-7.

The bottom of the sixth was scoreless for the Eagles.

The streak the Chiefs began earlier

“The Chiefs vs. Eagles game is not a matter of winning or losing. It promotes esprit de corps, camaraderie and most importantly it supports Operation Jingle. Huh-ya!”

– Master Sgt. Daniel Cook
First Sergeant 47th Operations Group



Chief Master Sgt. Stephanie Fortin prepares to hit the ball to lead off the annual Chiefs vs. Eagles one-pitch softball game. The swing resulted in a single.

slowed in the seventh inning and only one run was scored to make it 13-7.

In the bottom of the seventh, a runner got on first with a single, but was caught up in an impressive double play when the next batter hit the ball to the short stop.

Maj. Dallas Newsome then tried to narrow the Chiefs commanding lead with a shot up the middle for a single. However, the Eagles couldn't get anything going and the game ended with a score of 13-7.

The Eagles vs. Chiefs game was sponsored by the First Sergeants Council in support of Operation Jingle, which is a

yearly bid to raise money for holiday foods and Christmas gifts for underprivileged base residents and junior enlisted.

“The Chiefs vs. Eagles game is not a matter of winning or losing,” said Cook. “It promotes esprit de corps, camaraderie and most importantly Operation Jingle. Huh-ya!”

“It was a great game for a worthy cause – Operation Jingle,” said Newsome. “I think everyone had lots of fun. As for the outcome, congratulations to the Chiefs. We’ve got to let them win sometime.”

Intramural flag football standings (as of Nov. 17.)

AFC	W	L	NFC	W	L
CES I	2	0	87th	2	0
87th II	2	0	OSS	2	0
86th	1	0	85th	1	0
SFS	1	1	LSI	1	0
OSS II	0	1	MSS	0	2
CON/SVS	1	0	CES II	0	2
			LCSAM	0	2



Bowling standings (as of Nov. 17.)

Teams	W	L
OSS	49	21
Services	39	31
CES	39	31
47 SFS	37	33
47 MED	35	35
Boeing	34	36
CDC	34	36
47 MSS	32	38
47 FTW	29	41
47 COMM	22	48



Photy by Steve Miller

Renting “great outdoors”

Col. Len Jarman, 47th Flying Training Wing vice commander and Doug Peckham, Outdoor Recreation director, cut the ribbon to the new recreational vehicle sites at the Southwinds Marina. The 15 RV sites are full service with water, electric and sewer conections as well as wiring for telephone, and cable and satellite television. The cost for renting the sites is \$10 per night, \$65 dollars per week or \$200 dollars per month.

ALS fundraiser

Airman Leadership School Class 00-AL will be pumping gas at the Shoppette and washing cars at the Base Exchange Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will accept donations.

Laughlin has on average only two ALS seminars every year, so this is a rare opportunity to get out and support students in the first phase of professional military education.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive in the Fiesta Center ballroom on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The goal is 50 pints. The South Texas Blood and Tissue Bank from San Antonio has not been able to exceed 38 pints per visit from Laughlin the past year.

Everyone is encouraged to show up, give a few minutes of time and give the gift of life.

For more information, contact the Red Cross at 5125 or 775-8626.

Student grants

The Air Force Aid Society awarded more than \$7.5 million in education grants last year to 5,000 college students. No one in need of assistance should assume that he won't qualify for this \$1,500 grant. The AFAS has tailored the program to meet reasonable needs of

Air Force families. Applications can be picked up at the Family Support Center.

For more information call Tech. Sgt. Amy Urban 5109.

Courtesy van

Due to limited services available at the base medical clinic, beneficiaries are often referred to San Antonio for more specialized treatment. Anyone referred to San Antonio can ride to and from his appointment in a courtesy van provided by the Transportation Squadron.

To utilize this great benefit, call the Tricare Flight at 298-6301.

Retirement ceremony

Everyone on base is invited to attend a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Carmen Suggs, 47th Operations Support Squadron, Tuesday 5 p.m. at Club Amistad.

Personnel management

The Air Force Civilian Personnel Management Course, designed for both civilian and military supervisors, will be conducted Dec. 6-9.

Training is mandatory for new supervisors of three or more civilian employees. Those people have been identified and are scheduled to attend. New military

supervisors of civilian employees and civilian supervisors, not identified, who want to attend should call Patricia Fleming at 5806. Requests must be received by Nov. 30.

Commissary closure

The Commissary will be open Monday and will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. Patrons should note these dates since the Commissary is usually closed on Mondays.

For more information, call Pete Flores at 5815.

Captain selection boards

The calendar year 2000B captain central selection boards for line of the Air Force, medical service corps, biomedical science corps and nurse corps are tentatively scheduled to convene March 27, 2000 at the Air Force Personnel Center.

Tentative eligibility criteria:

■ Above-the-promotion zone – the date of rank for all categories is Dec. 31, 1998, or earlier with previous non-selection.

■ In-the-promotion zone – the date of rank for line of Air Force is Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1999; medical service corps, nurse corps and biomedical science corps is Jan 1-June 30, 1999.

■ Extended active duty date of March 26, 2000 or earlier.

■ Date of separation, if any, of June 25, 2000 or later.

For more information, call Mary Heinrich at 5246.

Indian heritage seminar

The American Indian Heritage Committee here is sponsoring an American Indian heritage observance seminar at Monday 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center.

The theme of the event is “Many Nations – One Family”

Scheduled activities include food sampling and recipe exchange, traditional Indian dancing, rock presentation and more.

The guest speaker will be William “Dub” Warrior, former president of the Black Seminole Indian Scouts Association.

Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, Tech. Sgt. Amy Urban at 5620.

Funds authorization

When an activity or another installation is given authorization to cite Laughlin funds for official travel, a fund control number must be provided for tracking purposes. Instructions must also be provided to the requesting activity to cite the FCN on the travel orders.

Usually, the control number assigned to the Air Force Form 616, authorization to cite funds, is used as the FCN.

For more information, call 5203.

Tests offered

The education office will administer the American College Testing exam Dec. 1 at 8 a.m.

To sign up and pick up a “Preparing for the ACT” booklet, go to building 316.

People requiring more information or who need to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test should call 5545.